GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF POOR QUALITY OF RICE UNDER SGRY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints from State Governmentof Kerala regarding the poor quality of rice supplied by the FCI under SGRY;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government is paying the cost of rice under SGRY to theFCI at the rate of Rs.11.62 per Kg i.e., the price at which good quality rice is available in the open market in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to supply good quality rice under the SGRY?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) & (b)Yes Sir. The complaint was received from State Government of Kerala againstthe poor quality of rice supplied by the FCI in Kollam District. The District Officials refused to lift the foodgrains because of poor quality.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development is making payment to the FCI at economic cost under the SGRY, which is Rs. 11.80 per Kg.

(d) The matter of supply of Rice of poor quality was taken up with Officials of theFCI and the State Government of Kerala. The State Government of Kerala hasinformed that a Quality Control Committee has been set up in eachDistrict in consultation with the FCI under the Chairmanship of the District Collectorand with the representatives of the DRDA and the FCI as members.In case of dispute, foodgrains cleared by this Committee only will be lifted.